

## **J. H. Vajen Papers**

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### **Biographical Note:**

J. H. Vajen was born March 19, 1828 in Bremen, Hanover, Germany and was the son of John Henry and Anna Margaretha Vajen. His family moved to America in 1836 and originally settled in Baltimore and Cincinnati before moving to Jackson County, Indiana. At the age of seventeen Vajen went to work in a Hardware store in Cincinnati and opened his own hardware store in 1856. He married Alice Fugate in 1850 and they had seven children.

During the Civil War, he was appointed Quartermaster General of Indiana and was in charge of equipping the first Indiana troops. Under his effort, the Indiana troops were the first well-equipped troops in the field. In 1864, he helped organize the banking house of Fletcher, Vajen and Company, which later merged with the Fourth National Bank. He retired in 1871. J. H. Vajen died May 28, 1917 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

#### *Source:*

Dunn, Jacob Piatt. Indiana and Indianans. Chicago: American Historical Society, 1919.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains papers from Vajen's work as Quartermaster General of Indiana during the Civil War and the contents of a cornerstone box Vajen created in 1862.

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### **Item Listing:**

#### 1 Folder.

1861 July 15	Morton, Oliver P. to J. H. Vajen
1862 Mar. 17	J. H. Vajen's financial report as Quartermaster General Of Indiana
1863 June 30	Letter telling of cornerstone box contents placed by J. H. Vajen

undated	Business cards for J. H. Vajen and Joseph Curzon found in
cornerstone box	
undated	Account book kept by J. H. Vajen

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### **Collection Information:**

<i>Size of Collection:</i>	1 folder (5 items)
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